

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement and annotated sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to FIGS. 3A-3F as follows.

FIG. 3A has been amended to remove portions of FIG. 3A added in the Amendment filed December 13, 2007, and which are now referred to as new FIGS. 3C-3F.

FIG. 3B has been amended to remove changes made to the figure in the Amendment filed December 13, 2007.

FIGS. 3C, 3D, 3E, and 3F have been added to represent enlarged portions of FIG. 3A as originally filed.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed January 17, 2008 has been carefully considered.

Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim Status and Amendment of the Claims

Claims 2 and 3 are currently pending.

Claims 2 and 3 have been amended for consistency in claim terminology.

The Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowance of claims 2 and 3.

In the specification, the paragraphs [0022] and [0033] have been amended to refer to FIGS. 3C-3F, which represent enlarged portions of FIG. 3A as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1 and 4 were previously cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

With this Amendment, Claims 5 and 6 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

With this Amendment, it is respectfully submitted the claims satisfy the statutory requirements.

Objections to the Drawings

The drawings stand objected to for various informalities.¹ To the extent the objections apply to terms (“corrugated plate” and “insert of adjustable length”) found only in cancelled claims 5 and 6, the Applicant respectfully submits the objections are moot.

¹ Office Action mailed January 17, 2008, p. 2.

Regarding the Examiner's statement concerning the requirement for additional description regarding features added to FIGS. 3A and 3B, the Applicant notes that with this Amendment, the changes previously made to FIGS. 3A and 3B have been removed. Also with this Amendment, new Figures 3C-3F have been added to represent enlarged portions of FIG. 3A as originally filed. As new FIGS. 3C-3F are merely enlargements of an existing Figure, the Applicant respectfully submits FIGS. 3C-3F are helpful but not necessary for the understanding of the subject matter of the present application.

Objections to the Specification

The Specification stands objected to for allegedly failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter.² The objections pertain to cancelled claims 5 and 6. As Claims 5 and 6 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, the Applicant respectfully submits the rejection of Claims 5 and 6 is moot.

Objections to the Claims

Claims 2, 3, 5, and 6 stand objected to for various informalities.³ The Applicant respectfully submits the objections to cancelled claims 5 and 6 is moot. With this Amendment, Claims 2 and 3 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. The Applicant respectfully requests the objection to Claims 2 and 3 be withdrawn.

With this Amendment it is respectfully submitted the claims satisfy the statutory requirements.

² Office Action at p. 3.

The First 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Woods.^{4 5} With this Amendment, Claim 6 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering the rejection of Claim 6 moot.

The Second 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Liepelt.^{6 7} With this Amendment, Claim 5 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering the rejection of Claim 5 moot.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

The Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

³ Office Action at p. 4.

⁴ U.S. Patent No. 2,658,393 to Woods.

⁵ Office Action mailed January 17, 2008, p. 5.

⁶ U.S. Patent No. 3,787,748 to Liepelt.


⁷ Office Action mailed January 17, 2008, p. 5.

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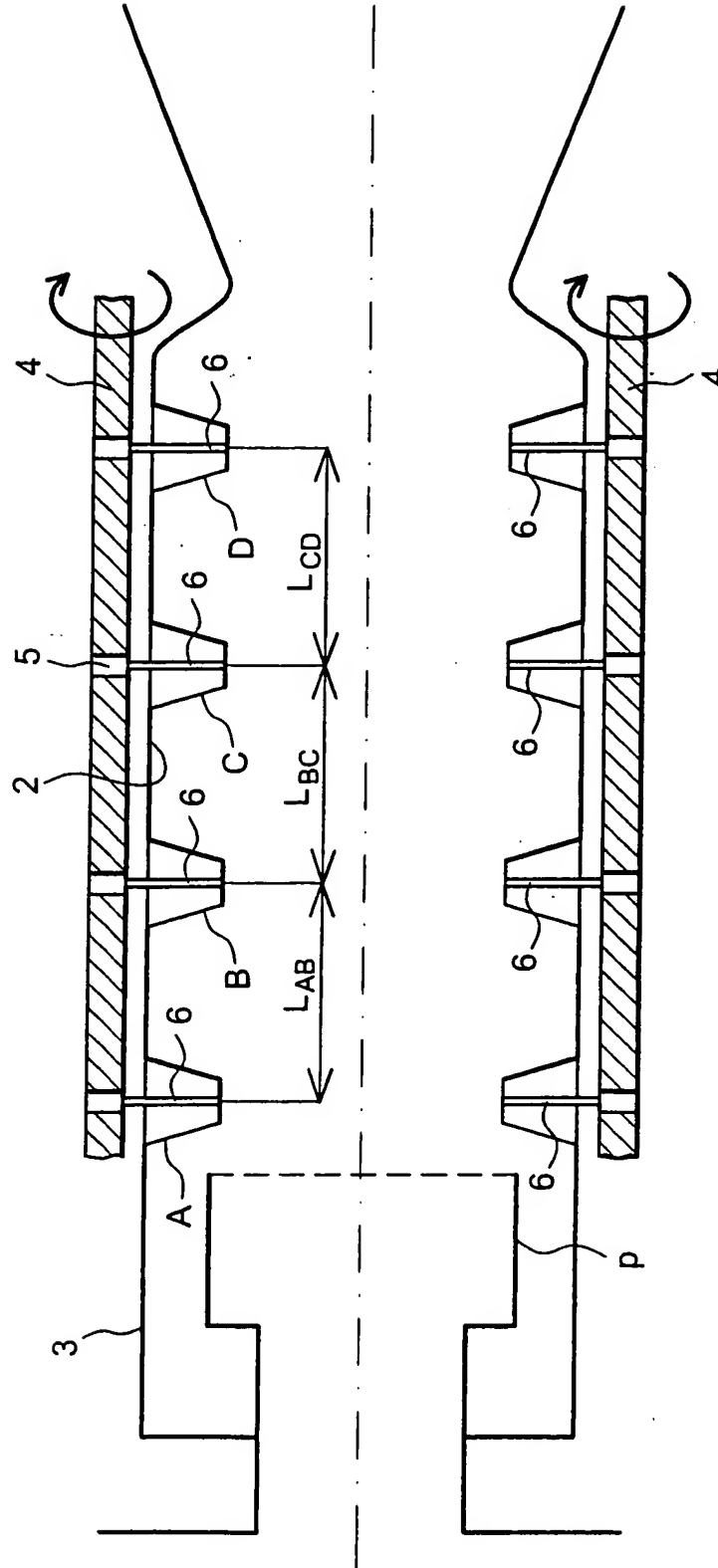
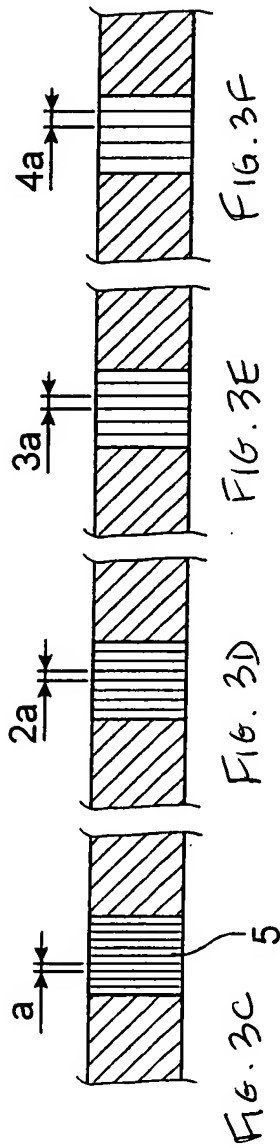


FIG. 3A

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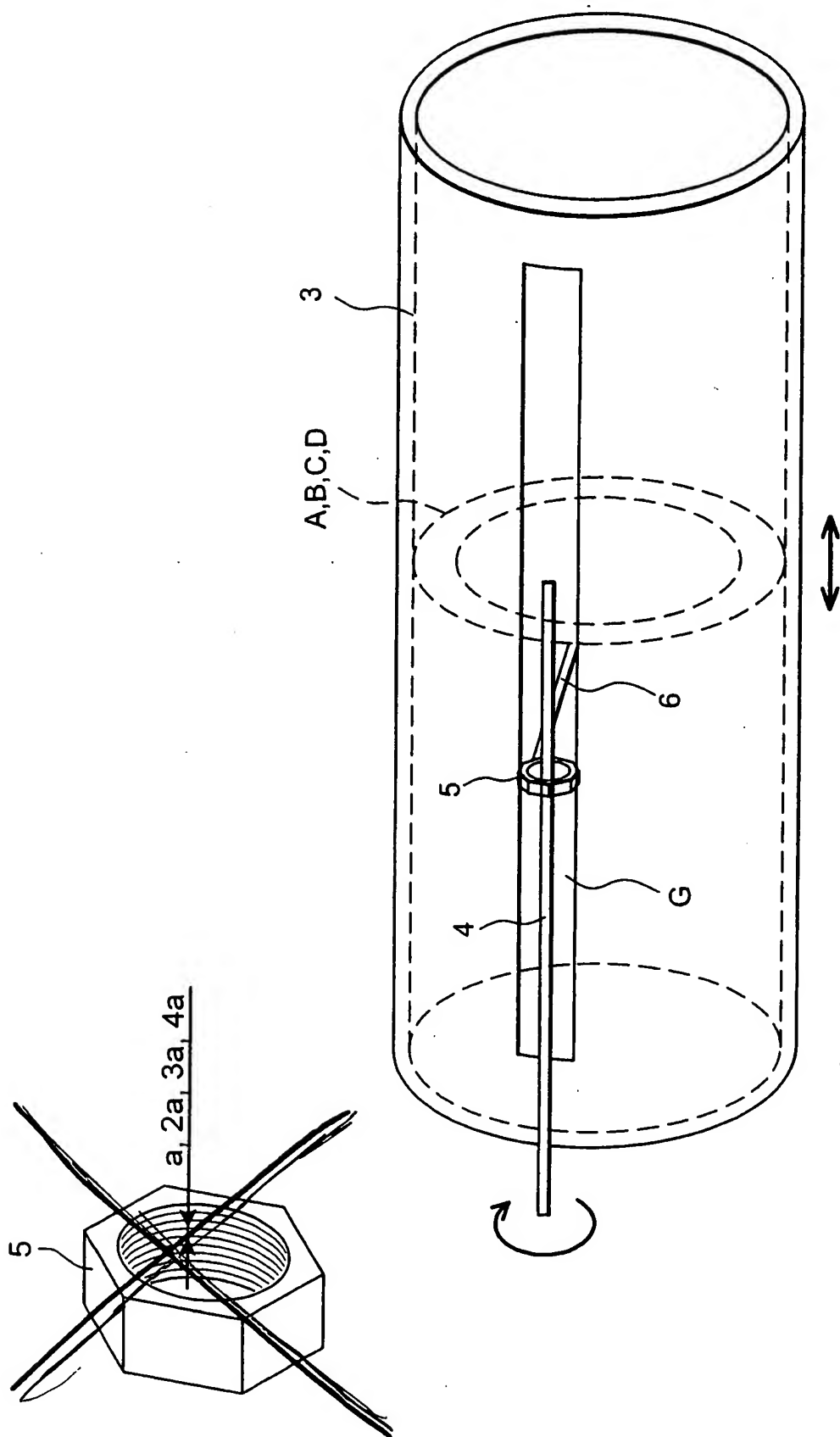


FIG. 3B